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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Thomas G. WOOLSTON) Examiner: D. SMITH
Serial Number: 09/253,057) Group Art Unit: 2761
Filed: February 19, 1999)

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE THROUGH TWO-TIERED
ELECTRONIC MARKETS AND AUCTIONS

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 11-19 as follows:

--11. (Amended) A method for facilitating commercial transactions by establishing a two-tiered electronic market comprising:
establishing a first electronic market at a market maker computer, said first [tier] electronic market providing predetermined assurances of participant performance in said first electronic market; and